




## new year... new look

You may have noticed that this issue of the *bulletin* has a new look. In addition to our new design, we have condensed the newsletter into a two-page format. The goal of the redesign is to keep you informed of the latest news at Canada World Youth in the most concise and user-friendly format. A shorter newsletter also allows us to reduce costs, so that we can put more money into our programs.

Given the reduced space, we have also designed a new Web-based *bulletin* that contains more information on the articles found here, as well as other interesting stories related to our programs and participants. Wherever you see the following icon  at the end of an article, it means that you can read more on our Web site at [www.cwy-jcm.org](http://www.cwy-jcm.org).

## fundraising update

Thanks to the generosity of our donors across Canada, we are well on our way to achieving our best fundraising campaign results ever. We are expecting increases in program funding and participant fundraising, and the annual campaign is rapidly closing in on our goal of \$140,000. This represents an ambitious 48 per cent increase over last year's results. If you haven't yet made your gift, help us reach our target by donating today. You can now make your donation on-line.

## Celebrating 30 years!

In 2001, Canada World Youth will celebrate its 30th anniversary. It was back in 1971 that Jacques Hébert's vision of an international youth program — in which young people from around the globe would come together to share their experiences and learn about other cultures — became a reality.


That vision has matured and expanded over the years allowing more than 26,000 young people to participate in the Canada World Youth experience. In doing

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so, these youth have gained the skills and attitudes that have helped to shape the rest of their lives. It is especially poignant that we are celebrating 30 years of our international youth programs at the same time as the world

celebrates International Year of Volunteers (2001), as designated by the United Nations.

To mark our 30 years, Canada World Youth is planning various activities to recognize the achievements of our programs and participants, and to reconnect with alumni.

Check out our Web site to find out more. We will be updating our 30th anniversary events calendar regularly. 

## calling all alumni

Are you a former Canada World Youth participant who has gone on to achieve great things in your professional or personal life after the program? Or do you know of a past participant who exemplifies the qualities and skills that Canada World Youth fosters through its programs?

If so, we want to hear from you. As part of our 30th anniversary celebrations, we plan to profile 30 alumni who have gone on to make their mark on the world, and who believe their Canada World Youth experience was a pivotal point in their development.

If you think that you or someone you know fits this profile, send us a one- to two-page nomination letter describing those achievements and how they relate to the Canada World Youth experience. Include the nominee's full name, address, telephone number and e-mail address. For more information, check out our Web site.

Send your nomination letter by e-mail to Giovanna Panzera at [gpanzera@cwj-jcm.org](mailto:gpanzera@cwj-jcm.org) or by mail at: Canada World Youth, 2330 Notre-Dame Street West, 3rd floor, Montreal, Quebec, H3J 1N4. Please clearly mark "Alumni Search" on the envelope.

# Highlights of 2000

## ➤ NetCorps

The Quebec-Tunisia NetCorps Exchange was a finalist in the Global Junior Challenge — the world's first international competition sponsored by the Municipality of Rome to award the best projects using Internet and other new technologies in the education and training of young people.

There were close to 600 entries. (Click on [www.gjc.comune.roma.it](http://www.gjc.comune.roma.it) and go to *projects for youth up to 29 years* to read Canada World Youth's entry.)

## ➤ UN International Year of Volunteers

The United Nations has declared 2001 as the International Year of Volunteers (IYV). To focus public attention on the positive impact of Canadian volunteers in development and humanitarian work, Canada World Youth has joined with several other volunteer-sending agencies to work together on activities for IYV. The year will see some exciting initiatives to highlight the positive contribution of Canadian volunteers overseas and upon their return home.

## ➤ New HIV/AIDS program

Funding for a new Canada World Youth exchange focusing on HIV/AIDS prevention in India was approved by the Canadian

International Development Agency (CIDA). In the first year, the project will involve 16 HIV/AIDS

workers developing an intervention model and evaluating its use in India. During two subsequent exchanges, the model will be shared with other HIV/AIDS non-governmental organizations in South Asia.

## EDGE receives Kroeger College Award for Public Affairs

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Education and Development in a Global Environment (EDGE) won the 2000 Peace Medal Award from the YMCA of Greater Halifax/Dartmouth. EDGE is an

association of Canada World Youth past participants in the Atlantic region and other young people who are interested in the impact of international issues at the community level. The award is given out annually to an individual or group "without special resources" working in the community as a peacemaker.

EDGE was also honoured with a Kroeger College Award for Public Affairs through Carleton University's Faculty of Public Affairs and Management. The awards honour individuals and organizations that have demonstrated creativity and innovation in making Canada a better place to live. EDGE was the recipient in the Citizenship and Community Affairs category.

## ➤ Mission/Vision


Last year, Canada World Youth's Board of Directors was engaged in a process to develop a new vision statement for the organization, as well as to review the existing mission statement. The goal was to ensure the ongoing relevance of these

statements to the organization's purpose. To ensure many members of the Canada World Youth community had an opportunity to provide input, the Board solicited feedback on draft statements through the bulletin and on our Web site. (See the Web site to read the final statements.) 

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## in their own words....

The following are excerpts from submissions written by current participants and alumni that can be found in their entirety on our Web site. Check them out! 

*"Persistence, consultation, cross-cultural communication and problem solving are skills I began to cultivate through Canada World Youth and now use daily in my work and personal life. In my recent role as a CWY workplace supervisor, I was able to see participants developing the tools of independence, leadership, partnership and responsibility that I gained from my CWY experience."*

Barb Woolner is a past participant from the BC-Thailand exchange (1988-1989), and is currently the Program Director at Trent Radio in Peterborough. She was also a work placement supervisor for the Ontario/Ukraine exchange.

*"We visited a local primary school on Friday. The school building was very small — just a collection of tiny cement block rooms built around an open courtyard — but it has a huge enrolment. The 1,800 children in Grades 1 to 6 have to go to class in shifts (morning or evening). Even then, the average class size for a single teacher is more than 50 students."*

*"I spent my morning teaching a Grade 5 class with another participant. Because of the heat, all the classrooms are open at the top to allow air flow, so even when the kids are perfectly silent it still sounds like everyone is talking. Must get wearisome for the regular teachers, always having to yell to be heard."*

Roberta Jenkins of Grand Prairie, Alberta, recently completed the Atlantic-Jamaica NetCorps exchange (1999-2000). This is an extract from her e-mail journal from Jamaica.

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